Cruise Report U.S. Geological Survey Research Cruise 2017-640-FA Ocean Beach, San Francisco, California May 11, 2017

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Summary

On May 11, 2017, the Pacific Coastal and Marine Science Center of the U.S Geological Survey (USGS) conducted a single-beam bathymetric survey offshore of Ocean Beach, just south of the Golden Gate. The work was conducted using one Coastal Profiling Systems (CPS) (personal watercraft outfitted with custom GPS and echosounder survey equipment) and one PWC for safety support. PWCs were launched and recovered at Fort Baker, just inside and north of the Golden Gate. The survey was the forty-first in a series of surveys in this area, starting in May 2004.

The shoreline of Ocean Beach, located in San Francisco, California, has been slowly retreating since the mid-1990's, with accelerated rates in certain areas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco City Department of Public Works and Department of the Environment, National Park Service, members of the USGS, and a citizens group have joined to form the Ocean Beach Task Force in an effort to address this problem. In 2004, we began conducting research and monitoring in Ocean Beach and other areas around the mouth of San Francisco Bay to obtain quantitative data on beach behavior and on processes affecting sediment transport. The ultimate goal of this project is to identify and quantify the physical processes that control nearshore and beach morphology, enabling the various government agencies involved to make the most informed management decisions possible. This research effort and data acquisition has already received authorization through the National Park Service/Golden Gate National Recreation Area under permit GOGA-2012-SCI-0006.

It was determined that the operating frequency of the sonar system (200 kHz) is above the cutoff hearing threshold for marine mammals, therefore the CSLC determined that the observance of a safety zone is not a requirement for this survey (personal communications, K. Keen, CSLC), and that a marine wildlife monitor (MWO) was not required due to operational limitations of the personal watercraft used.

USGS research cruise 2017-640-FA took place on May 11, 2017. All operations, including transits and surveying took place during daylight hours (0830 – 1500). Mapping was completed using a hull-mounted 200-kHz, Odom 9 degree downward conical beam transducer and Odom Echotrac CV100 echo sounder at survey speeds of ~4 knots. While at sea, no whales or dolphins were seen, and no fishing gear (buoys) was observed. Track lines are shown in Figure 1 and start and end positions are given in Table 1.

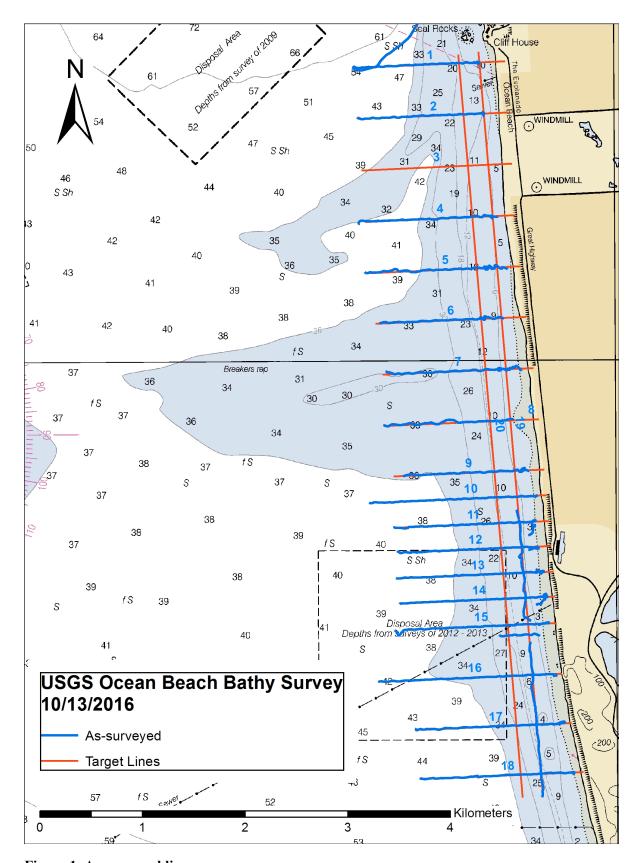


Figure 1. As-surveyed lines

Table 1. As-surveyed line endpoints

Line No.	Start	Lat	Lon	End	Lat	Lon
001_1037.RAW	9:37:12	37.833322	-122.47761	9:54:34	37.775808	-122.52789
001_1058.RAW	9:58:39	37.775771	-122.52839	10:05:38	37.776107	-122.51520
002_1109.RAW	10:09:17	37.771392	-122.52840	10:16:22	37.771481	-122.51449
004_1132.RAW	10:32:22	37.762013	-122.52832	10:40:14	37.762631	-122.51296
005_1146.RAW	10:46:57	37.757799	-122.52762	10:56:26	37.758007	-122.51188
006_1159.RAW	10:59:13	37.753343	-122.52606	11:06:26	37.753705	-122.51227
007_1211.RAW	11:11:05	37.749107	-122.52529	11:19:40	37.749091	-122.51038
008_1224.RAW	11:24:23	37.744363	-122.52569	11:31:47	37.744724	-122.51133
009_1236.RAW	11:36:45	37.739869	-122.52354	11:44:11	37.740265	-122.50956
010_1259.RAW	11:59:00	37.737544	-122.52728	12:08:01	37.737956	-122.50900
011_1312.RAW	12:12:27	37.735386	-122.52461	12:20:24	37.734628	-122.50971
012_1323.RAW	12:23:48	37.73326	-122.52422	12:31:44	37.733333	-122.50970
013_1336.RAW	12:36:30	37.730922	-122.52433	12:45:00	37.731609	-122.50891
014_1349.RAW	12:49:04	37.728678	-122.52398	12:56:58	37.729271	-122.50761
014_1356.RAW	12:56:59	37.729279	-122.50761	12:58:09	37.728513	-122.50888
015_1402.RAW	13:02:14	37.726315	-122.52451	13:11:30	37.726768	-122.50860
016_1416.RAW	13:16:06	37.721836	-122.52639	13:24:54	37.722235	-122.50705
017_1431.RAW	13:31:45	37.717646	-122.52234	13:39:58	37.718003	-122.50705
018_1444.RAW	13:44:37	37.713273	-122.52189	13:52:40	37.713626	-122.50494
019_1505.RAW	14:05:27	37.711651	-122.50835	14:12:52	37.725201	-122.50956
15fine_2.RAW	14:17:02	37.725781	-122.50851	14:19:09	37.725837	-122.51296
019_1526.RAW	14:26:58	37.727118	-122.50946	14:32:42	37.73598	-122.51075
019_1532.RAW	14:32:44	37.73603	-122.51076	14:33:30	37.736854	-122.51099

Mitigation Location and Scope of Mitigation	Effectiveness Criteria	Monitoring or Reporting Action	Responsible Party	Timing	Implementation Date(s) and Initials
Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions (MND Section 3.3.3)			1		
MM AIR-1: Engine Tuning, Engine Certification, and Fuels. The following measures will be required to All Counties: Maintain all construction equipment in proper tune according to manufacturers' specifications; fuel all off-road and portable diesel-powered equipment with California Air Resources Board (CARB)-certified motor vehicle diesel fuel limiting sulfur content to 15 parts per million or less (CARB Diesel).		Determine engine certification of vessel engines. Review engine emissions data to assess compliance, determine if changes in tuning or fuel are required. Verify that Tier 2 or cleaner engines are being used. Calculate daily NO _x emissions to verify compliance with limitations. Verify that Tier 2 or cleaner engines are being used. Inform vessel operator(s) of idling limitation. Investigate availability of alternative fuels. Verify that Tier 2 or cleaner engines are being used. Investigate availability of alternative fuels. Investigate availability of alternative fuels. Investigate availability of alternative fuels. Investigate	OGPP permit holder and contract vessel operator; California State Lands Commission (CSLC) review of Final Monitoring Report.	Prior to, during, and after survey activities. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	N/A

Mitigation Measure (MM)	Location and Scope of Mitigation	Effectiveness Criteria	Monitoring or Reporting Action	Responsible Party	Timing	Implementation Date(s) and Initials
MM BIO-1: Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Presence – Current Information.	All State waters; prior to commencement of survey operations, the geophysical operator shall: (1) contact the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Long Beach office staff and local whale-watching operations and shall acquire information on the current composition and relative abundance of manne wildlife offshore, and (2) convey sightings data to the vessel operator and crew, survey party chief, and onboard Marine Wildlife Monitors (MWMs) prior to departure. This information will aid the MWMs by providing data on the approximate number and types of organisms that may be in the area.	No adverse effects to marine mammals or sea turtles due to survey activities are observed.	Document contact with appropriate sources. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder; Inquiry to NOAA and local whale watching operators.	Prior to survey.	3127117
MM BIO-2: Marine Wildlife Monitors (MWMs).	Except as provided in section 7(h) of the General Permit, a minimum of two (2) qualified MWMs who are experienced in marine wildlife observations shall be onboard the survey vessel throughout both transit and data collection activities. The specific monitoring, observation, and data collection responsibilities shall be identified in the Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan required as part of all Offshore Geophysical Permit Program permits. Qualifications of proposed MWMs shall be submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and CSLC at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the survey for their approval by the agencies. Survey operations shall not commence until the CSLC approves the MWMs.	Competent and professional monitoring or marine mammals and sea turtles; compliance with established monitoring policies.	Document contact with and approval by appropriate agencies. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.		3/27/17
MM BIO-3: Safety Zone Monitoring.	Onboard Marine Wildlife Monitors (MWMs) responsible for observations during vessel transit shall be responsible for monitoring during the survey equipment operations. All visual monitoring shall occur from the highest practical vantage point aboard the survey vessel; binoculars shall be used to observe the surrounding area, as appropriate. The MWMs will survey an area (i.e., safety or exclusion zone) based on the equipment used, centered on the sound source (i.e., vessel, towfish), throughout time that the survey equipment is operating. Safety zone radial distances, by equipment type, include:	mammals or	Compliance with permit requirements (observers); compliance with established safety zones. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Prior to survey.	3/27/17

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	Equipment Type	Safety Zone (radius, m)					<u> </u>
	Single Beam Echosounder	50					1.0
	Multibeam Echosounder	500					10011
	Side-Scan Sonar	600					1311
	Subbottom Profiler	100					1 '
	Boomer System	100					
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	factors the CSLC will consider will include the timing, type, and location of the survey, the size of the vessel, and the availability of alternate vessels for conducting the proposed survey. CSLC authorizations under this subsection will be limited to individual surveys and under any such authorization; the Permittee shall update the MWCP to reflect how survey operations will occur under the authorization.					
MM BIO-4: Limits on Nighttime OGPP Surveys.	All State waters; nighttime survey operations are prohibited under the OGPP, except as provided below. The CSLC will consider the use of single beam echosounders and passive equipment types at night on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the equipment specifications, location, timing, and duration of survey activity.	No adverse effects to marine mammals or sea turtles due to survey activities are observed.	Presurvey request for nighttime operations, including equipment specifications and proposed use schedule. Document equipment use. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Approval required before survey is initiated. Monitoring Report following completion of survey.	4/4
MM BIO-5: Soft Start.	All State waters; the survey operator shall use a "soft start" technique at the beginning of survey activities each day (or following a shut down) to allow any marine mammal that may be in the immediate area to leave before the sound sources reach full energy. Surveys shall not commence at nighttime or when the safety zone cannot be effectively monitored. Operators shall initiate each piece of equipment at the lowest practical sound level, increasing output in such a manner as to increase in steps not exceeding approximately 6 decibels (dB) per 5-minute period. During ramp-up, the Marine Wildlife Monitors (MWMs) shall monitor the safety zone. If marine mammals are sighted within or about to enter the safety zone, a power-down or shut down shall be implemented as though the equipment was operating at full power. Initiation of ramp-up procedures from shut down requires that the MWMs be able to visually observe the full safety zone.	No adverse effects to marine mammals or sea turtles due to survey activities are observed.	Compliance with permit requirements (observers); compliance with safe start procedures. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Imme- diately prior to survey.	5/11/2

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MM BIO-6: Practical Limitations on Equipment Use and Adherence to Equipment Manufacturer's Routine Maintenance Schedule.	All State waters; geophysical operators shall follow, to the maximum extent possible, the guidelines of Zykov (2013) as they pertain to the use of subbottom profilers and sidescan sonar, including: • Using the highest frequency band possible for the subbottom profiler; • Using the shortest possible pulse length; and • Lowering the pulse rate (pings per second) as much as feasible. Geophysical operators shall consider the potential applicability of these measures to other equipment types (e.g., boomer). Permit holders will conduct routine inspection and maintenance of acoustic-generating equipment to ensure that low energy geophysical equipment used during permitted survey activities remains in proper working order and within manufacturer's equipment specifications. Verification of the date and occurrence of such equipment inspection and maintenance shall be provided in the required	No adverse effects to marine mammals or sea turtles due to survey activities are observed.	Document initial and during survey equipment settings. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Imme- diately prior to and during survey.	311117 20
MM BIO-7: Avoidance of Pinniped Haul-Out Sites.	presurvey notification to CSLC. The Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan (MWCP) developed and implemented for each survey shall include identification of haul-out sites within or immediately adjacent to the proposed survey area. For surveys within 300 meters (m) of a haul-out site, the MWCP shall further require that: • The survey vessel shall not approach within 91 m of a haul-out site, consistent with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) guidelines; • Survey activity close to haul-out sites shall be conducted in an expedited manner to minimize the potential for disturbance of pinnipeds on land; and • Marine Wildlife Monitors shall monitor pinniped activity onshore as the vessel approaches, observing and reporting on the number of pinnipeds potentially disturbed (e.g., via head lifting, flushing into the water). The purpose of such reporting is to provide CSLC and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) with information regarding potential disturbance associated with OGPP surveys.	No adverse effects to pinnipeds at haul outs are observed.	Document pinniped reactions to vessel presence and equipment use. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Report	5112117 AV

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MM BIO-8: Reporting Requirements – Collision.	All State waters; if a collision with marine mammal or reptile occurs, the vessel operator shall document the conditions under which the accident occurred, including the following: • Vessel location (latitude, longitude) when the collision occurred; • Date and time of collision; • Speed and heading of the vessel at the time of collision; • Observation conditions (e.g., wind speed and direction, swell height, visibility in miles or kilometers, and presence of rain or fog) at the time of collision; • Species of marine wildlife contacted (if known); • Whether an observer was monitoring marine wildlife at the time of collision; and, • Name of vessel, vessel owner/operator, and captain officer in charge of the vessel at time of collision. After a collision, the vessel shall stop, if safe to do so; however, the vessel is not obligated to stand by and may proceed after confirming that it will not further damage the animal by doing so. The vessel will then immediately communicate by radio or telephone all details to the vessel's base of operations, and shall immediately report the incident. Consistent with Marine Mammal Protection Act requirements, the vessel's base of operations or, if an onboard telephone is available, the vessel captain him/herself, will then immediately call the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Stranding Coordinator to report the collision and follow any subsequent instructions. From the report, the Stranding Coordinator will coordinate subsequent action, including enlisting the aid of marine mammal rescue organizations, if appropriate. From the vessel's base of operations, a telephone call will be placed to the Stranding Coordinator, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Southwest Region, Long Beach, to obtain instructions. Although NOAA has primary responsibility for marine mammals in both State and Federal waters, the California Department of Fish and Wildliffe (CDFW) will also be advised that an incident has occurred in State waters affecting a protected	No adverse effects to marine mammals or sea turtles due to survey activities are observed.	Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Monitoring Report following comple- tion of survey.	5/12/17

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MM BIO-9: Limitations on Survey Operations in Select Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).	All MPAs; prior to commencing survey activities, geophysical operators shall coordinate with the CLSC, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and any other appropriate permitting agency regarding proposed operations within MPAs. The scope and purpose of each survey proposed within a MPA shall be defined by the permit holder, and the applicability of the survey to the allowable MPA activities shall be delineated by the permit holder. If deemed necessary by CDFW, geophysical operators will pursue a scientific collecting permit, or other appropriate authorization, to secure approval to work within a MPA, and shall provide a copy of such authorization to the CSLC as part of the required presurvey notification to CSLC. CSLC, CDFW, and/or other permitting agencies may impose further restrictions on survey activities as conditions of approval.	No adverse effects to MPA resources due to survey activities are observed.	Monitor reactions of wildlife to survey operations; report on shutdown conditions and survey restart. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder; survey permitted by CDFW.	Prior to survey.	3127117 Qu)
MM HAZ-1: Oil Spill Contingency Plan (OSCP) Required Information.	Permittees shall develop and submit to CSLC staff for review and approval an OSCP that addresses accidental releases of petroleum and/or non-petroleum products during survey operations. Permittees' OSCPs shall include the following information for each vessel to be involved with the survey: • Specific steps to be taken in the event of a spill, including notification names, phone numbers, and locations of: (1) nearby emergency medical facilities, and (2) wildlife rescue/response organizations (e.g., Oiled Wildlife Care Network); • Description of crew training and equipment testing procedures; and • Description, quantities, and location of spill response equipment onboard the vessel.	Reduction in the potential for an accidental spill. Proper and timely response and notification of responsible parties in the event of a spill.	Documentation of proper spill training. Notification of responsible parties in the event of a spill.	OGPP permit holder and contract vessel operator.	Prior to survey.	3/27/17
MM HAZ-2: Vessel fueling restrictions.	Vessel fueling shall only occur at an approved docking facility. No cross vessel fueling shall be allowed.	Reduction in the potential for an accidental spill.	Documentation of fueling activities.	Contract vessel operator.	Following survey.	5/12/17 July
MM HAZ-3: OSCP equipment and supplies.	Onboard spill response equipment and supplies shall be sufficient to contain and recover the worst-case scenario spill of petroleum products as outlined in the OSCP.	Proper and timely response in the event of a spill.	Notification to CSLC of onboard spill response equipment/supplies inventory, verify	Contract vessel operator.	Prior to survey.	3/27/17 July

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	·		ability to respond to worst-case spill.			
MM HAZ-1: Oil Spill Contingency Plan (OSCP) Required Information.	Outlined under Hazards and Hazardous Materials (above	e)		•	,	
MM HAZ-2: Vessel fueling restrictions.	Outlined under Hazards and Hazardous Materials (above	e)				
MM HAZ-3: OSCP equipment and supplies.	Outlined under Hazards and Hazardous Materials (above	e)				
MM BIO-9: Limitations on Survey Operations in Select MPAs.	Outlined under Biological Resources (above)					:
MM REC-1: U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Harbormaster, and Dive Shop Operator Notification.	All California waters where recreational diving may occur; as a survey permit condition, the CSLC shall require Permittees to provide the USCG with survey details, including information on vessel types, survey locations, times, contact information, and other details of activities that may pose a hazard to divers so that USCG can include the information in the Local Notice to Mariners, advising vessels to avoid potential hazards near survey areas. Furthermore, at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of in-water activities, Permittees shall: (1) post such notices in the harbormasters' offices of regional harbors; and (2) notify operators of dive shops in coastal locations adjacent to the proposed offshore survey operations.	No adverse effects to recreational divers from survey operations.	Notify the USCG, local harbormasters, and local dive shops of planned survey activity. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Prior to survey	515/17 AW

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MM FISH-1: U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Harbormaster Notification.	All California waters; as a survey permit condition, the CSLC shall require Permittees to provide the USCG with survey details, including information on vessel types, survey locations, times, contact information, and other details of activities that may pose a hazard to mariners and fishers so that USCG can include the information in the Local Notice to Mariners, advising vessels to avoid potential hazards near survey areas. Furthermore, at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of in-water activities, Permittees shall post such notices in the harbormasters' offices of regional harbors.	No adverse effects to commercial fishing gear in place.	Notify the USCG and local harbormasters of planned survey activity. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.	OGPP permit holder.	Prior to survey.	5/5/17 gw
MM FISH-2: Minimize Interaction with Fishing Gear.	To minimize interaction with fishing gear that may be present within a survey area: (1) the geophysical vessel (or designated vessel) shall traverse the proposed survey corridor prior to commencing survey operations to note and record the presence, type, and location of deployed fishing gear (i.e., buoys); (2) no survey lines within 30 m (100 feet) of observed fishing gear shall be conducted. The survey crew shall not remove or relocate any fishing gear; removal or relocation shall only be accomplished by the owner of the gear upon notification by the survey operator of the potential conflict.	No adverse effects to commercial fishing gear in place.	Visually observe the survey area for commercial fishing gear. Notify the gear owner and request relocation of gear outside survey area. Submit Final Monitoring Report after completion of survey activities.		Imme- diately prior to survey (prior to each survey day).	5/11/17 D
MM FISH-1: USCG and Harbormaster Notification.	Outlined under Commercial and Recreational Fisheries (above)		,			

Acronyms/Abbreviations: CARB = California Air Resources Board; CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife; CSLC = California State Lands Commission; dB = decibels; kHz = kilohertz; MPA = Marine Protected Area; MWCP = Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan; MWM = Marine Wildlife Monitor; m= meter(s); NOAA = National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; NO_x = Nitrogen Oxide; OGPP = Offshore Geophysical Permit Program; OSCP = Oil Spill Contingency Plan; USCG = U.S. Coast Guard